

January 27, 2021

Austin City Council  
Mayor Steve Adler  
Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison  
Council Member Vanessa Fuentes  
Council Member Sabino Renteria  
Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Ann Kitchen  
Council Member Mackenzie Kelly  
Council Member Leslie Pool  
Council Member Paige Ellis  
Council Member Kathie Tovo  
Council Member Alison Alter

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Last night, the Pflugerville City Council and I held a robust discussion on an issue that impacts us both, the petition to create Travis County ESD No. 17. We voted to postpone a resolution consenting to the creation of Travis County ESD No. 17 in order to fully explore all EMS options and hold a joint discussion with the Travis County ESD No. 2 Board and the Travis County Commissioners Court. City Council and I have received public feedback and answered questions regarding concern over discontinuation of ambulance services by the ESD. After last night's discussion, we still have unanswered questions. I believe the constituents need to hear from us directly, especially young families, seniors on fixed incomes and those concerned about affordability. As an elected official, I have responsibility to the City and our citizens to understand what this overlay could encompass.

The provision of EMS services here in Pflugerville and Pflugerville ETJ, as well as in the portion of the Austin ETJ covered by Travis County ESD No. 2., is a critical issue in our community, especially in the midst of a public health emergency. We want to make sure we have all the information we need to make an informed decision that will impact the future of the citizens we serve. That is why City Council and I voted unanimously to retain a third-party consultant, AP Triton, to perform an assessment of fire and EMS service options. This analysis will provide us with an objective perspective on various options for EMS service, including an evaluation of creating ESD No. 17. We also approved a resolution to request Travis County perform a financial and operation audit of Travis County ESD No. 2, to answer questions regarding the cost of service.

We've made a good faith effort to engage with the Travis County ESD No. 2 board, its Fire Chief and Pflugerville delegation of the Travis County Commissioners Court to come to an understanding of where we need to go in relation to this issue. Since Pflugerville and its

ETJ comprises the majority of ESD No. 2 service area, I ask that the City of Austin please wait until we have results back from our consultant before proceeding. We have time before a final decision is needed. In the meantime, we need data, information and to work together collaboratively. I know we can combine resources and find a strong and strategic, long-term solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Gonzales', with a stylized, flowing script.

Victor Gonzales  
Mayor